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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/2007

SPONSOR Larranaga LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1113

SHORT TITLE NMSU Agriculture Leadership Program SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Higher Education Department (NMHED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1113 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to establish an Agricultural Leadership Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMSU currently offers an Agriculture Leadership Program in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The goal of the program is to provide business skills training for agricultural producers. Specific skills of focus are:

- Communications
- Professional and Business Ethics

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- Technical Writing
- Oral and Written Skills
- Public Speaking

The program seeks to expand the current student base and offer services to more students in the college. The appropriation is intended for the hiring of one full-time program coordinator and one support staff. Remaining funds would be used for materials and travel.

This request was not on the list of priority projects submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for review, and was not included in the Department's funding recommendations for FY08.

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